



Locust City Council Meeting

Agenda

Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

January 12, 2023

Mayor

Council Members

Mayor Steve Huber

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, Mike Haigler, Barry Sims, and Rusty Efird

Call to Order:	1. Call to Order	Mayor Huber
	2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer	Mayor Huber
	3. Adopt Agenda	
	4. Minutes - adopt December 8, 2022	Amy Furr
Reports:	• December 8, 2022 - Minutes	
	5. Financial Reports	
	• Financial Summary December 2022	
	• FY 2023-2024 Budget	
Department Reports:	6. Mayor's Report	Mayor Huber
	• Locust PD - 2022 Citizen of the Year Award	
	7. Administrator's Report	Cesar Correa
	• Purchase Orders	
	• Budget Amendments	
	8. Administration/HR	Harry Fletcher
	9. Parks	Mandy Watson
	• Introduction: Jon Wood & Benesch Consulting	
	10. Facilities	Barry Sims
	11. Public Works	Larry Baucom
	• Monthly Report	
	12. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support	Rusty Efird
	13. Public Safety	Roger Hypes
	• 2022 Locust PD Statistics	
	14. Planning & Zoning	Mike Haigler

- Monthly Report
- 15. Public Comment Period:
- 16. Board Closing Comments
- 17. Executive Session
- 18. Adjourn

Next Scheduled Council Meeting February 9, 2023



Locust City Council Meeting

Minutes

Joel Huneycutt Community Room

7:00 PM

December 8, 2022

Mayor
Council Members

Mayor Steve Huber
Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom, Mandy Watson, Roger Hypes, Harry Fletcher, Mike Haigler, JC Burris and Rusty Efird

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

2. Presentation of Colors, Prayer

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Baucom gave the invocation.

3. Service Recognition for Councilmember JC Burris

Mayor, Council, and staff presented outgoing Council Member JC Burris with service awards and spoke about his commitment and dedication to the City over the years. Many were given the opportunity to address Council Member JC Burris and thank him personally.

4. Oath of Office

The oath of office was given to re-elected Mayor Stephen Huber, re-elected Council Members Mandy Watson and Roger Hypes, and newly elected Council Member Barry Sims.

5. Adopt Agenda

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)

Motion to adopt agenda as presented

6. Minutes - adopt November 10, 2022

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)

Motion to adopt November 10, 2022 minutes

November 10, 2022

7. Financial Reports

Both the General Fund and Wastewater Funds revenues continue to exceed expenditures. Sales tax revenue continues to be steady, as well as the ABC revenues. The fiscal year 2021-2022 audit is presented and CPA, Will Huneycutt and Finance Director, Stephania Morton are present to answer any questions. Mr. Huneycutt reviewed for Council the audit and the audit report. He gave a brief review of the financials. There were no

findings and the opinion of the auditor was favorable and that as of the close of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the City of Locust is debt-free. Thanks was extended to the auditor and both Finance Director Stephanie Morton and City Administrator Cesar Correa.

Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit

8. Mayor's Report

Congrats to Council Members Roger Hypes and Mandy Watson on their re-election and newly elected Council Member Barry Sims.

9. Administrator's Report

City administrator Cesar Correa presented the 2023 City Holiday Schedule, the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule, and the 2023 P&Z Board Meeting Schedule and he is requesting approval for all. At the November Council meeting, Council Member Rusty Efird mentioned and asked that the Council to think about changing the meeting time for Council Meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. The consensus is that it will be hard for some of Council to be here. Table discussion and decision for now. The City is approaching the end of the 5 year system development fee period. . We need to conduct the study again in order to justify collecting a system development fee. Unfortunately, the consultant that assisted us 5 years ago is unable to take additional work at this time. However, we secured a proposal from the consultant who had just completed the same study for Stanly County. The cost to do a new SDF study is \$16,600 and we will begin working on this in January to be ready for an implementation date of July 1, 2023. Council Member Mandy Watson, P&Z Director Scott Efird, PW Director Tim Flieger, Parks Director Emily Jones and City Administrator Cesar Correa met to review the qualifications received for the master plan project. It was a unanimous recommendation to proceed with Benesch as the consulting group to complete this project. We ask you to award the contract to Benesch, and their representative is scheduled to begin work in January 2023 with a brief introduction/presentation during the January 2023 council meeting. Thanks to staff for everything they have done this year. Merry Christmas to everyone.

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Rusty Efird (7-0)
Motion to Approve 2023 Holiday Schedule

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Rusty Efird (7-0)
Motion to Approve City Council and P&Z Board 2023 Meeting Schedules

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve purchase orders

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to approve budget amendments

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Roger Hypes (7-0)
Motion to award contract for Parks and Rec Master Plan to Benesch

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to approve system development fee study contract

2023 Holiday Schedule

Council Meeting Time

2023 Council and Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Schedule

System Development Fee Study

Award of Contract for Parks & Rec Master Plan

Purchase Orders

Budget Amendments

10. Administration/HR

11. Parks

Thanks to Parks Director Emily Jones and staff for a successful Christmas Parade.

12. Facilities

13. Public Works

Monthly Report

14. ABC, Economic Development & Small Business Support

Buzzed Viking Grand Opening this weekend.

15. Public Safety

Officer of the month for October and November was Officer Timmy Hartsell. Earlier this week, Chief Jeff Shew was notified that the Locust Police Department received their taser grant for the full amount of \$24,000. This will cover the cost of replacing all of the tasers. Council Member Roger Hypes reviewed the police statistics for the month of November.

Taser Grant Update

16. Planning & Zoning

16 new housing permits. 151 so far total for the year. Since P&Z Board Member Barry Sims was elected to the Locust City Council, he has tendered his resignation from that board. That will leave a vacancy open and we have received an application from Denise "De-dee" Nathan and are asking that you please appoint Ms. Nathan to fill that vacancy.

M/S/A Council Members Michael Haigler and Harry Fletcher (7-0)
Motion to appoint Denise Nathan to the P&Z Board as an alternate.

Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board

Monthly Report

17. Public Comment Period:

18. Board Closing Comments

Bittersweet evening. Sad to see Council Member JC Burris go but excited to get to serve with newly elected Council Member Barry Sims. Thanks to the police department and all they do to protect the City. Appreciate all of the proactive policing. Merry Christmas to all. Council Member Barry Sims thanked everyone for all their assistance and help. Congrats to Commissioner Scott Efird for being elected chairman. Thanks to Mr. Wil Huneycutt for such a thorough audit. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work and dedication. Great Christmas parade. Thanks to Chris Miller of the SNAP for coming out to report the goings on with the City.

19. Executive Session: Personnel

M/S/A Council Members Larry Baucom and Mandy Watson (7-0)
Motion to enter into executive session at 8:42pm GS: 143-318.11 Personnel

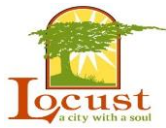
Out of executive session at 9:55pm

20. Adjourn

M/S/A Council Members Harry Fletcher and Larry Baucom (7-0)
Motion to adjourn at 9:55pm

Stephen Huber, Mayor

Amy Furr, City Clerk



CITY OF LOCUST
FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - December 31, 2022
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2023

GENERAL FUND

	ACTUAL FY '21/'22	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 6/30/2023	Y-T-D % COLLECTED
REVENUES				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 2,247,687	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,744,895	94.32%
VEHICLE TAXES/DMV VEHICLE FEES	\$ 43,216	\$ 35,000	\$ 19,440	55.54%
FRANCHISE TAXES	\$ 215,075	\$ 185,000	\$ 108,736	58.78%
SALES TAXES	\$ 1,477,529	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 673,813	67.38%
CABLE VISION FRANCHISE	\$ 22,236	\$ 17,500	\$ 10,651	60.86%
SOLID WASTE	\$ 260,669	\$ 250,000	\$ 213,280	85.31%
BUSINESS REGISTRATION/PERMITS	\$ 100,864	\$ 10,000	\$ 27,975	279.75%
POWELL FUND	\$ 144,341	\$ 105,100	\$ 145,649	138.58%
ALL OTHER REVENUES	\$ 578,113	\$ 363,625	\$ 614,647	169.03%
	\$ 5,089,729	\$ 3,816,225	\$ 3,559,087	93.26%

	ACTUAL FY '21/'22	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 6/30/2023	Y-T-D % SPENT
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION GOV'T	\$ 598,245	\$ 636,322	\$ 351,269	55.20%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 81,683	\$ 79,250	\$ 33,339	42.07%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,513,229	\$ 1,462,859	\$ 757,297	51.77%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 357,497	\$ 475,069	\$ 195,772	41.21%
POWELL FUND/STREETS	\$ 207,446	\$ 206,820	\$ 114,241	55.24%
SANITATION	\$ 250,231	\$ 460,000	\$ 211,964	46.08%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 376,279	\$ 494,905	\$ 186,694	37.72%
CONTRIBUTION TO WASTE WATER FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,103	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
TRANSFER TO WASTE WATER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,607,417	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
GENERAL FUND RESERVE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	\$ 4,994,131	\$ 3,816,225	\$ 1,850,575	48.49%
Y-T-D FUND BALANCE INCREASE	\$ 95,598	\$ -	\$ 1,708,511	

Sales Tax Revenue Summary

May 2022	\$ 131,490.14	rec. 7/15/2022
June 2022	\$ 129,641.75	rec. 8/15/2022
July 2022	\$ 136,418.34	rec. 9/15/2022
Aug 2022	\$ 130,471.24	rec. 10/15/2022
Sept 2022	\$ 139,026.71	rec. 11/15/2022
Oct 2022	\$ 138,255.26	rec. 12/15/2022

ABC Income Summary

July 2022	\$ 26,426.33	
Aug 2022	\$ 29,570.83	incl - LEO 4qtr
Sept 2022	\$ 26,426.33	rec'd 10/3/2022
FYE 2022	\$ 132,377.11	rec'd 10/3/2022
FYE 2022	\$ 132,377.11	rec'd 10/17/2022
Oct 2022	\$ 20,338.90	rec'd 10/31/2022
Oct 2022	\$ 2,259.93	rec'd 11/16/2022
Nov 2022	\$ 30,127.04	incl - LEO 12/6/2022
Dec 2022	\$ 22,598.83	rec'd 1/3/2023

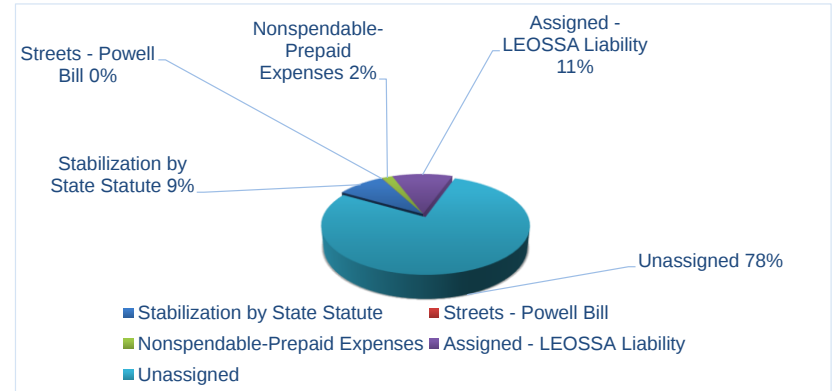
WASTE WATER FUND

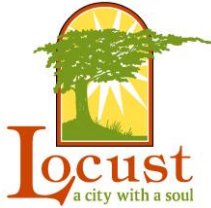
	ACTUAL FY '21/'22	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 6/30/2023	Y-T-D % COLLECTED
REVENUES				
MISC INCOME	\$ 7,692	\$ 600	\$ 150	25.00%
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,572	\$ 27,523	1750.81%
NEW DEV SEWER TAP FEES	\$ 565,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	0.00%
AVAILABILITY FEES	\$ 132,821	\$ 115,000	\$ 66,611	110.00%
USER FEES	\$ 1,343,641	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 761,190	76.12%
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE	\$ 612,308	\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	57.92%
FUND BALANCE RESERVES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
WASTEWATER RESERVES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
OTHER FEE INCOME	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ 80	0.00%
	\$ 2,663,366	\$ 1,317,172	\$ 1,075,553	81.66%

	ACTUAL FY '21/'22	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 6/30/2023	Y-T-D % SPENT
EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 284,877	\$ 310,672	\$ 165,053	53.13%
WASTE COLLECTION & TREATMENT	\$ 943,942	\$ 899,769	\$ 77,154	8.57%
CAPITAL PROJ - REDAH/N BASIN PS	\$ 6,384	\$ 6,731	\$ 6,731	0.00%
TRANSFER CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
	\$ 1,235,203	\$ 1,317,172	\$ 248,938	18.90%
Y-T-D FUND BALANCE INCREASE	\$ 1,428,163	\$ -	\$ 826,615	0.00%

GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT POSITIONS

Total Fund Balance	6/30/2022
Stabilization by State Statute	\$ 360,686
Streets - Powell Bill	\$ 2,266
Nondspendable-Prepaid Expenses	\$ 82,021
Assigned - LEOSA Liability	\$ 453,822
Unassigned	\$ 3,165,874
Subtotal	\$ 4,064,669





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Purchase Order Requests – 1/12/2023

Purchase Request # 4781

Nixon Power Services

For: WW System Main – general maintenance MCVS #2

Amount: \$2,973.68

Charge Code: 061-005-07400-54101 WW – Other Maintenance

Remaining Budget: \$18,235.87

Purchase Request # 4783

Kirk Davis Nursery and Landscaping Inc.

For: Park – arborvitae “green giants” at soccer fields

Amount: \$5,100.00

Charge Code: 011-005-06000-55500 Park – Capital Outlay

Remaining Budget: \$74,087.00

Purchase Request # 4793

Walter Printing Company Inc.

For: WW – sewer billing envelopes

Amount: \$2,424.90

Charge Code: 061-005-07100-53102 WW – Office Supplies

Remaining Budget: \$479.10

Purchase Request # 4794

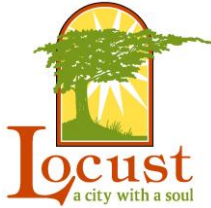
Randall Supply Inc.

For: WW Station Sewer Pump Maintenance – Main/200NLS #3

Amount: \$ 7,433.00

Charge Code: 061-005-07400-54101 – WW – Other Maintenance

Remaining Budget: \$10,802.87



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Purchase Order Requests – 1/12/2023

Purchase Request # 4795

Covalen

For: WW Sewer Pump Replacement

Amount: \$ 2,650.00

Charge Code: 061-005-07400-54103 – WW – Emergency Expense

Remaining Budget: \$49,955.22

Purchase Request # 4797

Radwell International LLC

For: WW Station Maintenance – Battery Charger ESPS #6

Amount: \$ 1,959.00

Charge Code: 061-005-07400-54103 – WW – Emergency Expense

Remaining Budget: \$47,996.22

Purchase Request # 4801

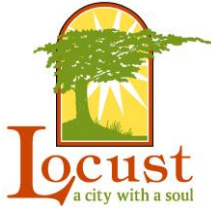
Mercer Rubber Co.

For: WW Station Maintenance – Main-BHVS #1

Amount: \$ 1,583.34

Charge Code: 061-005-07400-53100 – WW – Supplies

Remaining Budget: \$12,108.95



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Requested Budget Amendments 1/12/2023

General Fund

Revenues:

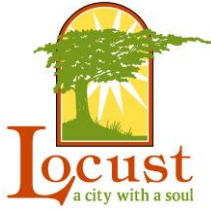
\$8,700.00 011-004-03830-03846 PD – Shop with a Cop

\$8,700.00 **Total Revenue Increase**

Expenditures:

\$8,700.00 011-005-04300-56102 Police – Shop with a Cop
(\$195.00) 011-005-04400-51230 Public Works – 401K
\$195.00 011-005-04400-53100 Public Works – Supplies

\$8,700.00 **Total Expenditure Increase**



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Requested Budget Amendments 1/12/2023

Wastewater Fund

Line-Item Transfers

Expenditures:

\$2,400.00	061-005-07100-53504 WW – Telephone
\$1,300.00	061-005-07400-53105 WW – Motor Vehicle Expense
<u>(\$3,700.00)</u>	061-005-07400-52104 WW – Treatment – Stanly Co.

<u>\$0.00</u>	Total Expenditure Increase
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Locust Wastewater
Monthly Metering

Monthly Wastewater Flow Recordings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>Daily Total</u>	<u>Recorded Rain Fall(")</u>
Thursday, December 1, 2022	11:59:59 PM	324458.8	324458.8	
Friday, December 2, 2022	11:59:59 PM	626792.2	302333.4	
Saturday, December 3, 2022	11:59:59 PM	923144.1	296351.9	0.03
Sunday, December 4, 2022	11:59:59 PM	1230023.1	306879.1	
Monday, December 5, 2022	11:59:59 PM	1513000.0	282976.9	
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	11:59:59 PM	1796476.6	283476.6	0.06
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	11:59:59 PM	2090072.5	293595.9	0.01
Thursday, December 8, 2022	11:59:59 PM	2365563.8	275491.3	0.20
Friday, December 9, 2022	11:59:59 PM	2680080.6	314516.9	0.10
Saturday, December 10, 2022	11:59:59 PM	2986504.7	306424.1	0.01
Sunday, December 11, 2022	11:59:59 PM	3301079.7	314575.0	
Monday, December 12, 2022	11:59:59 PM	3588337.5	287257.8	
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	11:59:59 PM	3877911.0	289573.4	
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	11:59:59 PM	4173210.3	295299.4	0.38
Thursday, December 15, 2022	11:59:59 PM	4659964.4	486754.1	0.65
Friday, December 16, 2022	11:59:59 PM	5009976.6	350012.2	
Saturday, December 17, 2022	11:59:59 PM	5333277.2	323300.6	
Sunday, December 18, 2022	11:59:59 PM	5657758.5	324481.3	
Monday, December 19, 2022	11:59:59 PM	5958361.3	300602.8	
Tuesday, December 20, 2022	11:59:59 PM	6245047.5	286686.3	
Wednesday, December 21, 2022	11:59:59 PM	6539407.5	294360.0	0.15
Thursday, December 22, 2022	11:59:59 PM	7148566.0	609158.4	1.09
Friday, December 23, 2022	11:59:59 PM	7521914.7	373348.8	0.01
Saturday, December 24, 2022	11:59:59 PM	7819641.6	297726.9	
Sunday, December 25, 2022	11:59:59 PM	8128837.8	309196.3	
Monday, December 26, 2022	11:59:59 PM	8439962.8	311125.0	
Tuesday, December 27, 2022	11:59:59 PM	8749701.0	309738.1	
Wednesday, December 28, 2022	11:59:59 PM	9053766.9	304065.9	
Thursday, December 29, 2022	11:59:59 PM	9350210.0	296443.1	
Friday, December 30, 2022	11:59:59 PM	9651351.9	301141.9	
Saturday, December 31, 2022	11:59:59 PM	9967037.6	315685.6	0.18
Monthly Total			9967037.6	2.87
Daily Average		321517.34		



LOCUST POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL STATISTICS

By: Chief of Police Jeff B. Shew, Locust Police Department

SUMMARY OF 2022 STATISTICS

OFFENSE TYPES/INCIDENT REPORTS

The Locust Police Department provides annually a report detailing crime and activity statistics for the previous year. In 2022, for the eleventh consecutive year since these reports have been published, law enforcement activities and statistics for the City of Locust again showed the result of low criminal activity which continues to make Locust an extremely safe city to visit and live. 2022 statistics as well as a comparison to past years does also show that although crime is low, the tremendous growth that has occurred and is ongoing in Locust has resulted in a continuously elevated call volume for the agency. This fact resulted in the highest call volume seen by the department since those call statistics began to be acquired in 2016. Statistics documented by the Locust Police Department for the 2022 calendar year showed a 3.6% increase in documented offense types and a 0.1% increase in recorded incident reports. Increase was seen in some statistical categories which certainly showed aspects of an increased call volume, but decreases were also seen in some categories as well. Numbers continued for the eleventh straight year to show an overall low daily incidence of larceny, fraud, and assault activity and near zero incidents of violent crime. The final numbers do indicate that in 2022 despite a rapidly growing city, Locust remains a very safe city with an overall low volume of crime and criminal activity.

For 2022, the Locust Police Department continued with its policy of reports being documented for any dispatched calls where interaction with the public occurred with some exceptions, a policy the department plans to continue until call volume dictates a revision. There was a 0.1% increase in documented incident reports compared to 2021, and reported offenses documented within those reports increased by 3.6% from the previous year. Reported offenses would be the alleged criminal activity or other circumstances involved in each recorded incident report and can contain up to three per report. Generally speaking, non-criminal reports seldom have more than one reported "offense type" whereas criminal reports often contain more than one "offense type" involved in the incident (Example – An escort request is typically a stand-alone request ("offense type") however a breaking and entering offense also usually includes a larceny offense as well (Two "offense types").

General service call types were down 7.8% from the previous year but represented an average of 60 monthly. These non-criminal call types continue to represent the largest percentage of dispatched calls received. General service includes escort requests, medical and fire calls, and general calls for service.

General investigation call types were up 14% from 2021 and the 610 total number is an increase of 143 from the number in this category in 2016, with an even larger increase of 180 since the number seen in 2012 when the department's method of statistical reporting was established. Calls considered as general investigation are at times non-criminal in nature but do require investigation by the department to determine the actual circumstances. This category also includes disturbances and suspicious activity calls (Up 35.6% and 12.9% respectively from 2021) which can be indicative of increased population presence. Also of note in this category, four missing person reports for the year were not determined to involve foul play and those "missing" were located or determined to not actually be missing.

General law enforcement/criminal activity offense types showed an increase in 2022 and were up 10.8% from 2021. Increases were seen in many offenses in this category with the most noted increase seen in traffic offense related reports increasing by 59 overall incidents for the year. These types of reports begin with common traffic offenses where reports are not necessary, but during the associated traffic stop different circumstances such as an identified arrest warrant, illegal contraband, or legal reason for the suspect vehicle to be towed results in an incident report being required.

For the eleventh consecutive year in 2022, if accounted for the overall rate of incidence, statistics were extremely positive in the category involving call types related to property and financial crime. There was an overall increase in property crime offenses for the year with a 19.3% increase in call types related to theft or fraud. This percentage represented an increase from 233 incidents in 2021 to 278 in 2022. Breaking that number down further, there was an increase of 53 business related larceny incidents but a decrease in fraud related incidents and no change from 2021 in vehicle and residential related larcenies. Statistics still registered less than four fraud related incidents monthly and less than two vehicle or residential related larceny incidents each month. Overall, personal larceny affecting persons, vehicles, or residences continued to be extremely low showing a daily average occurrence of just 0.11, or roughly one incidence every ten days. It should also be noted in 2022 through the end of November, the Locust Police Department showed an approximate 68% positive clearance rate in property crime/fraud related reports meaning that essentially 68 of every 100 property crime or fraud incidents, the Locust Police Department made an arrest or achieved another satisfactory disposition (See 2022 Annual Clearance Statistics Report Once Published).

Alcohol and drug related offense types showed a decrease of 12.7% for the year from 110 in 2021 to 96 in 2022. Drug related offenses decreased 9.8% from 82 to 74 for the year. Reported drug related offenses are any incidents where charges related to drugs result and can be as a result of a dispatched call, investigation, or traffic stop.

In the physical crime category, assault type offenses decreased 5.3% for the year representing a decrease from 19 reported in 2021 to 18 in 2022. This statistic for the year represents a daily average reported occurrence of assaults in Locust of just .05 which makes for an extremely low frequency of occurrence. Essentially one reported assault related offense every 20 days which also doesn't account for some assault incidents where more than one assault offense potentially by more than one party can be included within the same incident.

Other offense types reported for 2022 were four sex or indecent liberty related offenses, with zero reported robbery or personal larceny from the person related offenses, and six designated death investigations. The death investigations did not involve foul play with five being from natural causes or related to illness and one confirmed suicide.

A comparison of incidents and offense types was also produced showing the year-to-year category tallies from 2016-2022. A comparison of those same statistics in five-year periods was also produced showing the average number of offense types and incident reports from 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. In review of the comparison there is definitive growth and activity in the city related to documented offense types and completed incident reports involving the Locust Police Department. From 2013-2017, the department averaged 1,765 documented incident offense types and 1,602 completed incident reports, and 1,961 documented incident

offense types with 1,767 completed incident reports from 2018-2022, a percent increase of 11.1% and 10.3% respectively.

BUSINESS/NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

For 2022, there was a decrease in completed patrols by Locust officers from 28,422 in 2021 to 24,768 this year. This represented a daily average of completed patrols of 67.9 in 2022 from 77.9 the prior year. Regular and frequent patrols of businesses and neighborhoods in Locust remain a heavily emphasized policy for all Locust patrol officers, however a tremendous increase in fuel costs through most of 2022 did require some adjustment in patrol strategies for fuel conservation. Locust officers in 2022 still patrolled businesses and neighborhoods at a 34.5% greater percentage compared to 2016.

ARREST CHARGES

Arrest charges made by the Locust Police Department in 2022 were reported at 387 for the year which would be a 20.9% increase from the previous year. Of the charges made, failure to appear warrants along with misdemeanor larceny charges topped the list with 46 and 40 respectively. The felony arrest charges that had the greatest number were 14 for felony larceny and 14 for possession of methamphetamine. Per our 2022 clearance statistic report through the end of November 2022, the Locust Police Department showed a 79.9% clearance rate in criminal incidents which would be all incidents deemed criminal in nature that resulted in either an arrest or had to be closed due to exhausted leads. That statistic also showed that 278 Locust incidents were closed by arrest which would include warrants obtained by Locust officers following investigations (See 2022 Annual Clearance Statistics Report Once Published). 2022's number would be 187 more than in 2019 when accurate arrest charge reporting was first available.

CITATION CHARGES

Citation charges for 2022 saw another increase in overall traffic enforcement by Locust officers in both charges and warnings issued from the previous year. This increase showed diligent efforts made by Locust officers to show consistent police presence on Locust streets and highways despite challenges related to elevated fuel costs, staffing deficiencies, and increased call volume. In 2022, Locust officers issued 1,574 warnings which amounted to an average of 131.2 per month. Also for the year, 1,443 citation charges were issued by Locust officers which amounted to a monthly average of 120.3 and represented a 12.8% increase from 2021 as well as a 58.6% increase since 2020.

TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic crashes reported in the city for 2022 were 211, up nine reported crashes from the previous year for a 4.5% increase. This number represented a monthly average occurrence of close to 18 crashes a month, but that included both crashes occurring on Locust streets and highways as well as minor parking lot "fender benders". Intersections at Main Street and Central Avenue, West Main Street and Renee Ford Road, West Main Street and Browns Hill Road, West Main Street and Red Bridge Boulevard, the entry/exit of Wal-Mart and West Main Street, and the parking lots of Wal-Mart and Food Lion continue to be locations where annually more crashes occur. In a seven-year comparison, reported crashes since 2016 have stayed in a range within 20 crashes each year. In 2016, 220 crashes were reported with 211 being reported in 2022.

OVERALL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Overall, numbers related to dispatched calls generated and/or attended by Locust officers in 2022 compared to seven years prior is where the growth of the city and area is most evident. Overall law enforcement activity are statistics compiled by Stanly Communications and represent all calls for the year. In total, 6,704 calls were either dispatched to, initiated by, or attended by the Locust Police Department or occurred in Locust areas in 2022, 16.2% more than in 2021 (5,771) and 20.03% more than seven years ago (5,585 in 2016).

*****AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN – DUE TO HOW REPORTING SOFTWARE RECORDS OFFENSE TYPES/INCIDENTS, OFFENSE TYPES LISTED INCLUDE BOTH ATTEMPTS AND COMPLETED OFFENSES AS WELL AS ALLEGED OFFENSES THAT WERE PROVEN TO BE UNFOUNDED. OFFENSE TYPES ARE COUNTED TOGETHER REGARDLESS OF THESE DISTINCTIONS*****

Offenses/Incident Reports Statistics Key

Call/Offense Types

Escorts Provided – General, Business Closing, Child Custody Exchange, Funeral, Etc.
Assist EMS/Fire – Medical Or Fire Calls With Law Enforcement Assistance/Involvement
Calls For Service – Various Community Service Or Non-Criminal Dispatches, Animal Complaints, Etc.
Mutual Aid – Help Requested And Given To Other Agencies
Assist Motorist – Stranded Motorists, Keys Locked In Vehicle, Flat Tires, Etc.

Alarm Calls – Business, Residential Alarm Activation Responses
Disturbances – General, Various, Or Domestic Disturbance Responses
Suspicious Activity – Dispatched Reports Of Suspicious Activities, Vehicles, Or Persons
Investigations – General, 911 Hang-Ups, Suicide Threats, Open Doors, Etc.
Property Calls – Reports Of Lost Or Found Property
Missing Persons – Reports Of Missing Or Found Individuals

Business Larceny – Larcenies Reported From Locust Businesses
Fraud – Counterfeiting, Forgery, Obtaining Property By False Pretense, Identity Theft, Etc.
Residential Larceny/Minor Larceny From Person – Breaking & Entering, Larcenies From Residences
Vehicle Larceny – Breaking & Entering, Larceny From/Of Vehicles

Traffic Offenses – Traffic Offenses That Result In Other Charges, Arrests, Vehicle Towed, Etc.
Property Damage – Malicious Damage To Businesses, Residences, Vehicles, Minor Vehicle Crashes
Warrants – Arrest Warrants, Court Processes Served
Harassment – Harassing Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Etc.
Trespassing – Unlawful Entry, 1st Or 2nd Degree, Etc.
Other Illegal Activity – Resist, Obstruct, Or Delay, Vehicle Pursuits, Lesser Charges, Etc.
Ordinance Violations – Violations Of City Ordinances Investigated Or Committed
Vandalism – Defacement Of Property, Minor Arson, Etc.
Juvenile Violations – Illegal Activity Committed By Or Against Juveniles
Weapons Violations – Unlawfully Carrying Concealed Weapon, Possession By Felon, Etc.

Drug Offenses – Possession, Distribution, Intent To Sell, Etc. Involving Illegal Drugs
Alcohol Charges – Charges Involving Alcohol Other Than DWI
DWI – Driving While Impaired Reports

Assaults – Calls Related To Assaults, Affray, Etc.

Sex Offense – Reports Of Or Offenses Involving Unlawful Sexual Activity
Personal Larceny – Serious Larceny Or Robbery Including Strong Arm, With Dangerous Weapon, Etc.
Murder – Homicide

Death Investigation – Non-Criminal Investigations Of Unattended Deaths, Suicide, Etc.

Offenses/Incident Reports

CATEGORY: GENERAL SERVICE

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Escorts Provided	311	25.9	367	-15.3%
Assist EMS/Fire	189	15.8	221	-14.5%
Calls For Service	112	9.3	92	+21.7%
Mutual Aid	81	6.8	86	-5.8%
Assist Motorist	28	2.3	16	+75.0%
2022 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2021 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	721	60.1	782	-7.8%

CATEGORY: GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Alarm Calls	164	13.7	179	-8.4%
Investigations	164	13.7	142	+15.5%
Disturbances	160	13.3	118	+35.6%
Suspicious Act.	79	6.6	70	+12.9%
K-9 Calls	20	1.7	5	+300%
Property Calls	19	1.6	19	0
Missing Persons*	4	0.3	7	-42.9%
2022 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2021 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	610	50.8	540	+14.0%

*NO missing person's reports for 2022 included suspected foul play or went unsolved.

CATEGORY: GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Traffic Offenses	139	11.6	80	+73.8%
Warrants	59	4.9	57	+3.5%
Property Damage	40	3.3	72	-44.4%
Other Illegal Act.	18	1.5	21	-14.3%
Weapons Viol.	18	1.5	14	+28.6%
Trespassing	14	1.2	17	-17.7%
Harassment	10	0.8	7	+42.9%
Ordinance Viol.	8	0.7	4	+100%
Juvenile Viol.	1	0.1	5	-80%
Vandalism	0	----	0	----
2022 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2021 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	307	25.6	277	+10.8%

CATEGORY: PROPERTY/FINANCIAL CRIME

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Bus. Larceny	194	16.2	141	+37.6%
Fraud	43	3.6	51	-15.7%
Vehicle Larceny	23	1.9	23	0
Resd. Larceny	18	1.5	18	0
2022 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2021 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	278	23.2	233	+19.3%
TOTAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (BUS., VEH., RES., PER.)	235	0.64 Avg. Daily Occurrence	182	+29.1%
PERSONAL LARCENY OCCURRENCE (VEH., RES., PER.)	41	0.11 Avg. Daily Occurrence	41	0

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Drug Offenses	74	6.2	82	-9.8%
DWI	18	1.5	19	-5.3%
Alcohol Charges	4	0.3	9	-55.6%
2022 TOTAL/ MONTHLY AVERAGE/ 2021 TOTAL/ % CHANGE	96	8.0	110	-12.7%

CATEGORY: PHYSICAL CRIME

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #	% Change
Assaults	18	1.5	19	-5.3%
2022 DAILY AVERAGE	.049	----	.05	----

CATEGORY: SERIOUS/VIOLENT CRIME

Call Type	2022 Total #	Monthly Avg.	2021 Total #
Sex Offense	4*	0.3	6*
Personal Larceny/Robbery	0	--	0
Murder	0	--	0

*Sex Offense # includes REPORTS OF sex offenses committed even if investigation revealed no misconduct OR offense occurred in a different jurisdiction.

CATEGORY: OTHER INVESTIGATION

Call Type	2022 Total #	2021 Total #
Death Investigation	6	2

2022 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES AND INCIDENT REPORTS

2022 TOTAL OFFENSE TYPES/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	2040	170	5.6	<u>2021 #</u> 1969	<u>% Change</u> +3.6%
2022 TOTAL INCIDENT REPORTS COMPLETED/ MONTHLY/ DAILY AVG.	1791	149.3	4.9	<u>2021 #</u> 1790	<u>% Change</u> +0.1%

Area Patrols/Checks

Patrol Type	Total #	Monthly Avg.	Daily Avg.
Businesses	15,254	1,271.2	41.8
Neighborhoods	9,335	777.9	25.6
Special Investigation (Dedicated Speed Enf.)	72	6.0	---
Requested House	67	5.6	---
Suspicious Vehicles	32	2.7	---
Suspicious Persons	8	0.7	---
2022 TOTAL PATROLS/ DAILY PATROL AVG.	24,768	<u>2022 DAILY AVG.</u> 67.9	<u>2021 DAILY AVG.</u> 77.9

Arrests/Offense Charges/Counts

Charge	2022 Total #	2021 Total #
Failure To Appear	46	33
Misdemeanor Larceny	40	33
Minor Charges	39	11
Warrant Service	23	39
Driving While Impaired	17	11
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	17	24
Felony Larceny	14	10
Possession Methamphetamine	14	18
Resist, Obstruct, Delay	14	16
Trespassing	14	9
Possession Schedule VI	12	7
Concealed Weapon Violation	11	4

Driving While License Revoked	11	1
Communicating Threats	9	2
Larceny By Anti-Theft Device	9	13
Obtaining Property By False Pretense	8	9
Possession Schedule II	8	8
Conspiracy	7	3
Flee To Elude	7	6
Court Order/Probation Violation	6	9
Forgery	6	1
Identity Theft	6	0
Assault On A Female	5	6
Breaking & Entering	5	2
Assault On An Officer	4	2
Assault With A Weapon	4	1
Damage To Property	4	1
Motor Vehicle Larceny/Possession	4	4
Possession Schedule IV	4	3
Simple Assault	4	5
Firearm By Felon	3	2
Fraud And/Or Fraud Theft	3	0
Possession Heroin	2	1
PWISD Schedule VI	2	1
Child Abuse	1	3
Kidnapping	1	0
Possession Schedule III	1	2
Possession Stolen Goods	1	1
Robbery	1	2
2022 TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ MONTHLY/DAILY AVG.	387 32.3/1.1	
2021 TOTAL ARREST CHARGES/ % CHANGE	320 +20.9%	

Citation Charges

CATEGORY: VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Expired Registration	146
Expired/No Inspection	64
Operate/Allow Vehicle With No Insurance	59
Fictitious/Altered Registration	51
Cancelled/Revoked Registration	47
Drive Motor Vehicle/Not Properly Registered	44
Vehicle Equipment Violations	40
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	451
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	37.6 / 1.2
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	362 / +24.6%

CATEGORY: LICENSE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Driving While License Revoked	163
No Operator's License	162
Other License Violations	49
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	374
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	31.2 / 1.0
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	362 / +3.3%

CATEGORY: SPEEDING

Citation Charge	Total #
Speeding	310
Speeding In School Zone	13
Speed Competition	4
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	327
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	27.3 / 1.0
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	314 / +4.1%

CATEGORY: SAFETY/UNSAFE VIOLATIONS

Citation Charge	Total #
Fail to Stop/Stop Sign Or Red Light	51
Careless & Reckless Driving	27
Unsafe Movement/Passing	20
Lane Violations	16
Child Restraint Violations	15
Seatbelt Violations	15
Following Too Close	9
Fail To Yield	8
Fail To Reduce Speed	6
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	167
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	13.9 / 0.5
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	115 / +45.2%

CATEGORY: CRIMINAL/OTHER OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Misdemeanor Larceny	41
Concealed Weapon Charge	7
Second Degree Trespass	6
Parking Violations	5
Other Charges	3
Possession Stolen Goods	3
Hit & Run/Fail To Stop For Accident	2
Misdemeanor Conspiracy	2
Child Abuse	2
Resist, Delay, Obstruct	1
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	72
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	6.0 / 0.2
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	72 / 0

CATEGORY: ALCOHOL/DRUG OFFENSES

Citation Charge	Total #
Possession Schedule VI	19
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	18
Possess Open Container Of Alcohol In Vehicle	9
Driving While Impaired	5
Possession Schedule II	1
2022 TOTAL CATEGORY CHARGES	52
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	4.3 / 0.14
2021 TOTAL / % CHANGE	53 / -1.9%

2022	
TOTAL CITATION CHARGES	1,443
MONTHLY / DAILY AVERAGE	120.3 / 3.9
2021 TOTAL # / % CHANGE	1,279 / +12.8%
2022 WARNINGS ISSUED	1,574

Traffic Crashes

2022 TOTAL REPORTED TRAFFIC CRASHES (STREET/HIGHWAY, PVA) / MONTHLY AVG. / DAILY AVG.	211 / 17.6 / 0.6
2021 TOTAL REPORTED TRAFFIC CRASHES / % CHANGE	202 / +4.5%

**TOTAL DISPATCHED-ATTENDED CALLS /
GENERATED CASE NUMBERS, TWO YEAR COMPARISON**

2022 TOTAL CALLS / 2021 # / % CHANGE	6,704	5,771 / +16.2%
2022 TOTAL REPORT #S / 2021 # / % CHANGE	2,846	2,807 / +1.4%

LAST SEVEN-YEAR STATISTICS COMPARISON

INCIDENTS/OFFENSE TYPES

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
General Service	693	606	644	688	727	782	721
General Investigation	467	481	549	565	642	540	610
General Criminal Activity	242	214	200	186	275	277	307
Property/Financial Crime	217	212	259	282	312	233	278
Business Larceny	128	122	158	162	190	141	194
Residential Larceny	24	26	21	25	18	18	18
Vehicle Larceny	11	13	22	51	43	23	23
Fraud	54	51	58	44	61	51	43
Total Larceny Daily Avg	.45	.44	.55	.66	.69	.50	.64
Personal Larceny Daily Avg	.10	.11	.12	.21	.20	.11	.11
Alcohol/Drugs	126	108	109	102	161	110	96
Assaults	19	18	29	21	16	19	18
Sex Offense	5	2	2	2	4	6	4
Robbery	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Death Investigation	1	2	5	3	8	2	6
Total Offense Types	1770	1643	1798	1850	2148	1969	2040
Total Incident Reports	1580	1496	1631	1720	1904	1790	1791
Total Calls	5585	5121	5728	5834	5986	5771	6,704
Total OCA's Generated	2869	2730	2424	2575	2318	2807	2,846

PATROLS

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Patrols	18,417	15,594	16,793	20,490	25,660	28,422	24,768

ARRESTS*

CATEGORY	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arrest Charges	200	373	320	387

*A six-year comparison of arrest charges would not be accurate due to a previously unknown compilation error where Locust arrest reports were being duplicated in most cases by Stanly County Jail staff due to their reporting requirements. 2019 would begin as the most accurately reported year going forward.

CITATION CHARGES

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
License Violations	208	261	172	248	247	362	374
Speeding	646	427	356	305	197	314	327
Vehicle Violations	290	304	208	245	239	362	451
Safety/Unsafe Violations	150	128	110	87	83	115	167
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	91	89	72	45	72	53	52
Criminal/Other Offenses	54	61	79	68	72	72	72
Total Citation Charges	1439	1270	997	998	910	1279	1443
Warnings Monthly Avg	113.8				109.3	126.4	131.2

TRAFFIC CRASHES

CATEGORY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Crashes	220	212	214	197	196	202	211

INCIDENT OFFENSE TYPE FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE COMPARISON

CATEGORY	2013-2017	2018-2022	% Change
Average Offense Types	1,765	1,961	+11.1%
Average Recorded Incident Reports	1,602	1,767	+10.3%

Planning and Zoning

December 2022

12 New House permits

SDH, Adams, Horton, Hucks.

1 Sign

2 Rooftop Solar

1 Storage

2 Remodel

1 Plan Review Coley Store Rd

163 New housing as of December 31.